

all the gods being of one mind, and of like
wisdom,
proceed respectfully to the presence of the
one (chief)
agent, (7AiswiNAKA).

6. Mine ears are turned (to hear him),
mine eyes
(to behold him); this light that is
placed in the
heart (seeks to know him); my mind,-the
receptacle
of distant (objects), hastens (towards,
him): what
shall I declare (him)? how shall I
comprehend him?

7. All the gods, alarmed, venerate
thee, AGNI,
abiding in darkness: may VAISW^NARA
preserve us.
with his protection: may the immortal AGNI
preserve
us with his protection.

SUKTA X. (X.)

**The deity is AGNI ; the *Rishias* before; the
metre is *Tiishtubh*,
except in the last verse, in which it is
Virdj.**

8. Place before you at the progressive,
uninter-
rupted sacrifice, the divine, adorable,
perfect AGNI,
with prayers; for he, the resplendent
J^TAVEDAS,
makes us prosperous in sacred rites.

9. Brilliant, many-rayed AGNI, invoker of
the gods,
kindled with many fires, (hear) this
(praise) of men;
which delightful praise, pure as the
clarified butter
(that has been filtered), his worshippers
offer unto him
as MAMAT! (formerly offered it).

10. He thrives in abundance amongst
men, who,
pious, presents'to AGNI (oblations) with
prayers: the
wonderfully radiant AGNI places him with
marvellous
protection in the enjoyment of pasturage
full of herds
of cattle.

11. The dark-pathed, as soon as
generated, filled

with his afar-seen light the two spacious
(worlds):